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1.SUMMARY.GERMAN MINISTER FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY MATTHOEFER ANNOUNCED ON JULY 10 THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO BUILD OFF-SHORE REACTORS IN THE NORTH SEA AND THE BALTIC. END SUMMARY.

2.HE EXPLAINED THAT THE AIM OF THE STUDY MENTIONED IN PARA 3 REFTEL HAD BEEN TO DETERMINE IF THE CONSTRUCTION OF OFF-SHORE REACTORS WERE POSSIBLE FROM AN OCEANOGRAPHIC

POINT OF VIEW. PROOF OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND SECURITY FEASIBILITY WILL RECEIVE MORE INTENSIVE TREATMENT IN THE FINAL VERSION OF THE STUDY EXPECTED BY LATE 1977. TO REFUTE THE ALLEGED SECRECY OF THE STUDY, MATTHOEFER SAID THAT ANYBODY COULD INSPECT THE DRAFT VERSION OF THE STUDY AT THE PUBLIC READING ROOM OF THE RESEARCH MINISTRY.

3.IN THIS INTERVIEW MATTHOEFER WAS RESPONDING TO PRESS
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AND WIRELESS REPORTS THAT REPORTED GOVERNMENT PLANS TO

CONSTRUCT SOME 30 OFF-SHORE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. THE
MINISTER EXPLICITLY DENIED SUCH PLANS.
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